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1. AMBASSADOR MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL TO STATE SECRETARY FRANK MARCH 15, NOTING THAT FRG PROCEEDING MORE SLOWLY THAN SOME OTHERS IN DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM.
AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED NORTH VIETNAMESE VIOLATION OF JANUARY AGREEMENT AND U. S. VIEW THAT RECOGNITION OF HANOI BEFORE IT IS CLEAR THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE PREPARED TO ABIDE BY THE AGREEMENT WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE
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FURTHER VIOLATIONS. FRANK SAID FRG IS IN NO HURRY TO RECONGNIZE NORTH VIETNAM AND SEES NO REASON WHY OTHER WESTERN EUROPEANS SHOULD BE. HE POINTED OUT FRG ALSO DELAYING REESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA UNTIL POST- WAR SITUATION IN INDO- CHINA CLEARER, AND OBSERVED THAT THERE CERTAINLY WAS NO REASON TO TREAT DRV BETTER THAN CAMBODIA. FRANK SAID FRG WOULD CONTINUE TO URGE RESTRAINT ON ITS EC PARTNERS.

2. EMBOFF WENT OVER SAME GROUND IN SEPARATE MEETING WITH FONOFF SOUTHEAST ASIAN DIRECTOR, BERENDONCK, ALSO EMPHASIZING U. S. APPRECIATION FOR THE RESTRAINT SO FAR EXERCISED BY THE FRG. BERENDONCK REPLIED THAT NOTHING HAS HAPPENED TO ALTER THE FRG' S POSITION. SPECIFICALLY, THE FRG: (A) AGREES WITH THE U. S. THAT CLOSER RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM SHOULD AWAIT CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT DRV IS PREPARED TO OBSERVE TERMS OF JANUARY AGREEMENT; (B) HAS LIMITED INTERESTS IN VIETNAM AND THEREFORE DOES NOT FEEL UNDER MUCH PRESSURE TO DEVELOP ITS RELATIONS; AND (C) REMAINS CONVINCED THAT THE U. S. SERIOUSLY DESIRES TO ACHIEVE A LASTING PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THAT ALLIED GOVERNMENT SHOULD DO NOTHING TO INTERFERE WITH U. S. EFFORTS IN THAT DIRECTION. THEREFORE, BERENDONCK SAID, THE U. S. WAS RUNNING THROUGH OPEN DOORS SO FAR AS THE FRG ALONE WAS CONCERNED. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT CERTAIN OF THE FRG' S EC PARTNERS HAVE ALREADY PROCEEDED A CONSIDERABLE WAY TOWARDS RECOGNITION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM AND OBSERVED THAT THE COMPLETION OF THIS PROCESS, WITH ATTENDANT PUBLICITY COULDCREATE NEW PRESSURES IN THE FRG WHICH DO NOT PRESENTLY EXIST. BERENDONCK CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE FRG HAS CONSISTENTLY URGED ITS EUROPEAN PARTNERS TO HONOR THE U. S. REQUEST FOR CIRCUMSPECTION IN APPROACHING THE RECOGNITION OF NORTH VIETNAM. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT MINISTER SCHEEL WOULD TAKE THIS POSITION AT POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE NINE IN BRUSSELS ON MARCH 16. HILLENBRAND

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